

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant : | Art Unit : 1644 |
| Serial No. : 10/719,553 | Examiner : Nora M. Rooney |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 22, 2009

This Response accompanies a contemporaneously-submitted request for continued examination (RCE) of the above-identified application. A final Office Action was mailed on May 22, 2009, for which no response has been filed. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 20, 2009. No Appeal Brief has been filed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114, the present Response is a complete reply to the aforementioned final Office Action in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the required fee are submitted herewith, to extend the time period to file the aforementioned Appeal Brief to June 20, 2010. Because June 20 was a Sunday, the time period is further extended to June 21, 2010.

The RCE submitted herewith is a request to withdraw the pending appeal of the application and re-open prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees determined to be due and requested to refund any overpayments to account 06-1050.

No amendments have been made to the specification or claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the following remarks and arguments.